

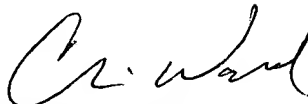
REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-19 are presently active in this case. Claims 1-18 having been amended by way of the Preliminary Amendment. A substitute Abstract of the Disclosure has also been provided in the present Preliminary Amendment. Therefore, a full and thorough examination on the merits of Claims 1-19 is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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